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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. [REDACTED]
National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics
1512 H Street N. W., Washington, D. C.

SUBJECT : NACA Data Program

1. It is planned that NACA data secured during non penetration flights will be delivered to the office or individual in the Washington area specified by you. Project responsibility for these data will be considered complete at that time.

2. Approximately four flights per month will be flown solely for cover purposes. These are intended to produce unclassified records. In addition to these cover flights I estimate that at least twice this number will produce classified data. No attempt will be made to separate classified from unclassified records in the field. We believe this should be done by those people most familiar with the records and what they reveal. For this purpose unclassified records are defined as those which meet all the following criteria:

- a. Do not reveal capability in excess of 55,000 feet.
- b. Do not reveal true climb capabilities.

An indicated rate of climb which does not exceed the schedule provided in Attachment 1 by more than 10% at any point does not compromise security.

- c. Do not reveal length of mission capability in excess of 4½ hours.

All other records will be considered TOP SECRET. However, unclassified data may be extracted and released provided security is maintained.

3. While development of procedures governing the method by which these data are handled is considered your responsibility we are vitally concerned with two aspects; security and advancement of the cover story. For this reason I request that any additional people to those already cleared who will have recourse to original records have Project clearance although not necessarily Project knowledge. Second, I request

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that procedures planned for handling and disseminating data be reviewed from the cover and security standpoint by Project personnel prior to these procedures becoming effective.

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Deputy Project Director

Attachment 1:
Climb Schedule